

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
FORT WORTH DIVISION**

**CARROLL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL  
DISTRICT,**

*Plaintiff,*

v.

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF  
EDUCATION; DENISE CARTER**, in her  
official capacity as Acting Secretary of  
the United States Department of  
Education; **ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR  
CIVIL RIGHTS AT THE UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**, in her  
official capacity; **UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE; PAM BONDI**,  
in her official capacity as Attorney  
General of the United States; and  
**ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR  
THE CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION OF THE  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF  
JUSTICE**, in her official capacity,

*Defendants.*

**Case No.: 4:24-cv-00461-O**

**JOINT STATUS REPORT**

Pursuant to this Court’s February 11 order, ECF No. 84, the parties submit this joint status report. The parties agree that this case is not moot.

This lawsuit challenges a Department of Education rule entitled “Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities Receiving Federal Financial Assistance,” 89 Fed. Reg. 33,474 (Apr. 29, 2024) (“2024 Title IX Rule”). On January 9, the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky entered judgment vacating the Rule. *See Tennessee v. Cardona*, No. 2:24-072-DCR, ECF No. 143, 2025 WL 63795, at \*7 (E.D. Ky. Jan. 9, 2025), *judgment*

*corrected*, ECF No. 146 (Jan. 10, 2025). The deadline for Defendants to appeal that judgment is March 10, 2025. Fed. R. App. P. 4(a)(1)(B).

Accordingly, the parties agree that this case remains a live controversy until either (1) the *Tennessee* judgment is affirmed on appeal and no further appellate review is available, or (2) the deadline to appeal passes without Defendants noticing an appeal.

Respectfully submitted this 17th day of February, 2025.

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that on February 17, 2025, this document was served on all counsel of record via the Court's CM/ECF system.

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